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What is Claimed Is:

1. A method of detecting a reproducing signal using an optical detection
2. device to receive an optical signal reflected from an optical recording medium and dividing the
3. received signal into multiple signals corresponding to sections of the optical detection device
4. which are arranged in a matrix with rows in a tangential direction and columns in a radial
direction of the optical recording medium, comprising:

5. selecting signals which are less degraded than other signals, from
6. among the multiple signals corresponding to sections of the optical detection device, on the
7. basis of data conditions recorded on the optical recording medium, interference between optical
8. signals reflected/diffracted from pits in close proximity to each other and from adjacent tracks
9. on the optical recording medium, and/or various system states; and

10. obtaining a reproducing signal from the selected signals by compensating
11. for an amount of the interference caused by the data conditions, the interference between
12. optical signals reflected/diffracted from pits in close proximity to each other and from adjacent
13. tracks on the recording medium, and/or various system states.

14. 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the selecting of the signals which are less
15. degraded than other signals comprises selecting a combination of signals corresponding to
16. sections of the optical detection device arranged in the radial direction based upon the signal

1 interference caused by the data conditions or the interference between optical signals
2 reflected/diffracted from pits in close proximity to each other and from adjacent tracks on the
3 optical recording medium.

1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the selecting of the signals which are less
2 degraded than other signals comprises selecting a combination of signals corresponding to
3 sections of the optical detection device arranged diagonally based upon a signal interference
4 caused by defocusing.

1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the selecting of the signals which are less
2 degraded than other signals comprises selecting a combination of signals corresponding to
3 sections of the optical detection device arranged in the tangential direction based upon a signal
4 interference caused by detracking.

1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the selecting of the signals which are less
2 degraded than other signals comprises selecting a combination of signals corresponding to
3 sections of the optical detection device arranged in the tangential direction based upon a signal
4 interference caused by radial tilting.

1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the selecting of the signals which are less
2 degraded than other signals comprises selecting a combination of signals corresponding to

1 sections of the optical detection device arranged in the radial direction based upon a signal
2 interference caused by tangential tilting.

1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the obtaining of the reproducing signal from
2 the selected signals comprises equalizing the selected signals according to an amount of the
3 signal interference caused by the data conditions, the interference between optical signals
4 reflected/diffracted from pits in close proximity to each other and from adjacent tracks on the
5 optical recording medium, and/or the various system states.

1 8. The method of claim 1, further comprising using the reproducing signal to
2 increase a defocusing margin of a system.

1 9. The method of claim 1, further comprising using the reproducing signal to
2 increase a detracking margin of a system.

1 10. The method of claim 1, further comprising using the reproducing signal to
2 increase a radial tilting margin of a system.

1 11. The method of claim 1, further comprising using the reproducing signal to
2 increase a tangential tilting margin of a system.

1 **12.** A method of detecting a reproducing signal using an optical detection device
2 including a photodetection to receive an optical signal reflected from an optical recording
3 medium and to divide the received signal into multiple signals, comprising:

4 detecting first output signals of the optical detection device that correspond to a
5 combination of signals corresponding to sections of the photodetector arranged in a tangential
6 direction, outputs corresponding to a combination of signals corresponding to sections of the
7 photodetector arranged in a radial direction, and/or outputs corresponding to a combination
8 of signals corresponding to sections of the photodetector arranged diagonally; and

9 detecting a good signal from among second output signals obtained by reproducing the
10 first output signals, as the reproducing signal.

11 **13.** The method of claim 12, further comprising controlling the good
12 signal the reproducing signal in the step (b), by detecting data
13 conditions recorded on the optical recording medium, an interference between optical signals
14 reflected/diffracted from pits in close proximity to each other and from adjacent tracks on the
15 recording medium, and/or various system states.

1 **14.** A device to detect a reproducing signal, comprising:
2 an optical detection device comprising a photodetector to receive an optical signal
3 reflected from an optical recording medium and to divide the received signal into multiple
4 signals;
5 a detector to detect outputs of the optical detection device

1 corresponding to a combination of signals corresponding to sections of the photodetector
2 arranged in a tangential direction, outputs corresponding to a combination of signals
3 corresponding to sections of the photodetector arranged in a radial direction, and/or outputs
4 corresponding to a combination of signals corresponding to sections of the photodetector
5 arranged diagonally;

6 a control unit to provide a selection control signal and a compensation
7 signal based upon results of detection of data conditions recorded on the optical recording
8 medium, an interference between optical signals reflected/diffracted from pits in close
9 proximity to each other and from adjacent tracks on the recording medium, and/or various
10 system states; and

11 a compensator to select some of the outputs of the optical detection
12 device provided via the detector in response to the selection control signal, and to adaptively
13 compensate for the selected outputs in response to the compensation signal.

14 15. The device of claim 14, wherein the compensator comprises:

16 a selector to select some of the outputs of the optical detection device
17 provided via the detector in response to the selection control signal; and
18 an equalizer to adaptively equalize the selected outputs of the optical
19 detection device in response to the compensation signal.

20 16. A device to detect a reproducing signal, comprising:

1 an optical detection device comprising a photodetector to receive an optical signal
2 reflected from an optical recording medium and to divide the received signal into multiple
3 signals;

4 a detector to detect outputs of the optical detection device corresponding to a
5 combination of signals corresponding to sections of the photodetector arranged in a tangential
6 direction, outputs corresponding to a combination of signals corresponding to sections of the
7 photodetector arranged in a radial direction, and/or outputs corresponding to a combination of
8 signals corresponding to sections of the photodetector arranged diagonally;

9 an equalizer to equalize and reproduce each of the outputs of the detector; and

10 a control unit to adaptively control an equalization amount of the equalizer based on
11 results of detection of data conditions recorded on
12 the optical recording medium, an interference between optical signals reflected/diffracted from
13 pits in close proximity to each other and from adjacent tracks on the optical recording medium,
14 and/or various system states, and to provide a good signal, from among the output signals of
15 the equalizer, as the reproducing signal.

1 **17.** A method of detecting a reproducing signal comprising:
2 reflecting an optical signal from an optical recording medium;
3 dividing said optical signal into a plurality of divided signals;
4 adding a first at least two divided signals from said plurality of divided signals to form
5 a first output signal;

1 adding a second at least two divided signals from said plurality of divided signals to
2 form a second output signal, wherein said first output signal differs from said second output
3 signal; and

4 selecting said first output signal or said second output signal as the reproducing signal,
5 wherein the reproducing signal is the least degraded of said first output signal and said second
6 output signal.

1 18. The method of claim 17, wherein said dividing of said optical signal into said
2 plurality of divided signals comprises dividing said optical signal into sections in a radial
3 direction of the optical recording medium, and said adding of said first at least two divided
4 signals and said adding of said second at least two divided signals each comprise adding
5 divided signals in the radial direction.

1 19. The method of claim 17, wherein said dividing of said optical signal into said
2 plurality of divided signals comprises dividing said optical signal into sections in a tangential
3 direction of the optical recording medium, and said adding of said first at least two divided
4 signals and said adding of said second at least two divided signals each comprise adding
5 divided signals in the tangential direction.

1 20. The method of claim 17, wherein said dividing of said optical signal into said
2 plurality of divided signals comprises dividing said optical signal into sections in a diagonal
3 direction of said optical recording medium, and said adding of said first at least two divided

1 signals and said adding of said second at least two divided signals each comprise adding
2 divided signals in the diagonal direction.

3 21. The method of claim 17, further comprising equalizing the reproducing
4 signal.

1 22. A method of detecting a reproducing signal comprising:
2 outputting signals from an optical detection device in response to a reflected signal
3 from an optical recording medium; and
4 selecting ones of the outputted signals that are least degraded to detect the reproducing
signal.

1 23. The method of claim 22, further comprising reproducing the selected signals
2 based upon data conditions recorded on the optical recording medium.

1 24. A device to detect a reproducing signal, comprising:
2 a detector to divide an optical signal reflected from an optical recording medium into a
3 plurality of divided signals;
4 a first adding unit to add a first at least two divided signals from said plurality of
5 divided signals to form a first output signal;

1 a second adding unit to add a second at least two divided signals from said plurality of
2 divided signals to form a second output signal, wherein said first output signal differs from
3 said second output signal; and

4 a selecting unit to select said first output signal or said second output signal as the
5 reproducing signal, wherein the reproducing signal is the least degraded of said first output
6 signal and said second output signal.

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1 29. The device of claim 28, further comprising a control unit to control an
2 equalization amount of the equalizing unit based on data conditions recorded on
3 the optical recording medium, an interference between optical signals reflected/diffracted from
4 pits in close proximity to each other and from adjacent tracks on the optical recording medium,
5 and/or various system states.

1 30. The device of claim 29, wherein said detector divides said optical signal into four
2 divided signals.

3 31. The device of claim 30, wherein said detector divides said optical signal into
4 eight divided signals.

5 32. A device to detect a reproducing signal, comprising:

6 a pickup unit to detect information recorded on an optical recording medium and to
7 project a beam emitted from a light source to the optical recording medium;

8 a detector to divide an optical signal reflected from the optical recording medium into
9 a plurality of divided signals;

10 a first I/V converter to convert said divided signals from divided signals into divided
11 voltage signals;

12 a first adding unit to add a first at least two divided voltage signals from said plurality
13 of divided voltage signals to form a first output signal;

1 a second adding unit to add a second at least two divided voltage signals from said
2 plurality of divided voltage signals to form a second output signal, wherein said first output
3 signal differs from said second output signal;

4 a selecting unit to select said first output signal or said second output signal as a
5 reproducing signal, wherein the reproducing signal is the least degraded of said first output
6 signal and said second output signal; and

7 a system state detector to detect defocusing/detracking and/or tilting, data conditions
8 and an interference between optical signals reflected/diffracted from pits in close proximity to
9 each other and from adjacent tracks on the recording medium, and to provide a selection
10 control signal to the selecting unit to select the least degraded of said first output signal and
11 said second output signal.